

June 22, 2011

I-70B Reconstruction Project Update

We are wrapping up the work in the project area with a goal of being completely finished with the project by the end of next week (7/1/11). This goal is of course dependent on good weather and working conditions, but we feel that this is a very realistic target for completion.

Through Lanes/Median Work:

The work being conducted along the side of the through lanes and in the median area is making the project area appear more active and, to some, more confined. In addition, partial closures of the outside and inside driving lanes will occur at times to allow for landscape crews to work along the edges of the highway. This may require traffic to merge in and out of through lanes in the project area. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THESE PARTIAL LANE CLOSURES AND FOLLOW THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALING AND PERSONNEL WHEN NEEDED TO SAFELY MOVE THROUGH THE PROJECT AREA. Although there is ample space for the work crews to conduct their activities within the barricaded median areas, PLEASE USE CAUTION AND DRIVE SLOWLY WHEN DRIVING BY WORK CREWS IN THE MEDIAN AREA AND CENTER LANES.

- The concrete median cover will be placed this week and should be completed by Tuesday, 6/28/11;
- The contractor and CDOT will be inspecting the work and repairing or placing anything that has been damaged or missed (known as the "punchlist"). This will be done through next Tuesday (6/28/11);
- The contractor will also be cleaning up the project area and will reduce the traffic control presence as conditions warrant.

Frontage Roads and Sidewalks:

Work on the frontage roads will be as follows:

- Crews will be placing the asphalt tie-ins to the new concrete at the various driveways along the frontage roads. This work should be completed by this Friday (6/24/11);
- Miscellaneous striping will occur at the Mesa Mall entrances on Saturday night after the mall closes (6/25/11);
- Handrail will be installed along parts of the new sidewalks where the adjacent slopes are steep. This work will happen next week (6/27/11 – 7/1/11).

Landscaping and Streetscape:

- Landscape grading, general landscaping and placement of decorative rock will continue through the end of next week (7/1/11);
- A protective rock surface (known as "rip-rap") will be placed along the drainage ditch in front of the Mesa Mall. This should be completed by the end of this week (6/24/11);
- Miscellaneous electrical work will be done through next Tuesday (6/28/11) at which time all of the pedestrian lighting, crosswalk lights and signals should be completely installed.